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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

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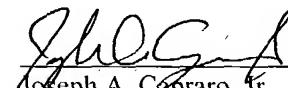
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	A2	4,652,258	3/24/87	Drach	604	53	12/18/84		
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	A5	4,738,667	4/19/88	Galloway	604	281	11/4/86		
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